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For: GENE INVOLVED IN GROWTH-
PROMOTING FUNCTION OF ACETIC ACID
BACTERIA AND USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.